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Agenda Item 2.2*

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 24, 2004
To: ACTAC
From: Jean Hart, Deputy Director
Frank Furger, Deputy Director
Subject: Deputy Directors' Report

I-880 Corridor – Caltrans will embark on a planning and operational study of the I-880 Corridor. The study limits are the Bay Bridge south to State Route 237 in Santa Clara County.

North I-880 Operations and Safety Study – The expenditure plan for Regional Measure 2 included funding for projects identified in the North I-880 Study. RM 2 Initial Project Reports were submitted to MTC.

San Pablo Avenue Corridor –The Vision Group for San Pablo Corridor, comprised of representatives of cities, counties, MTC, ABAG, a private foundation, and transit agencies along the corridor and led by Assemblywoman Loni Hancock distributed a draft resolution, which is being considered by City Councils and Boards of Supervisors along the corridor to affirm their support of initiating the process of creating a world class boulevard along the corridor from Oakland to Pinole. The group will hire interns and students to collect data on the existing conditions along the corridor this summer and is preparing a grant application to hire a consultant to conduct community outreach to define a vision for the corridor later this year.

The San Pablo Policy Advisory Committee will meet on June 10 to hear presentations from Caltrans on the rehabilitation of San Pablo Avenue and AC Transit on the Rapid Bus.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program – The program was initiated in April 1998. One hundred and ten employers and 2,873 employees are registered in the program, and 843 rides have been taken, including 22 rental car rides in the Tri-Valley rental car demonstration program. The average cost per taxi trip is now \$78.96 and the average trip length is 38.48 miles. The average trip distance for a rental car ride is 71.73 miles and the cost per rental car use is \$55.00, including insurance and taxes, resulting in an average rental car cost savings of \$90.46. A contract was signed allowing the car rental program to extend beyond the Tri-Valley area, throughout Alameda County. An annual survey of participating employees was conducted to help evaluate the program. The Annual Evaluation Report is available on CMA's website.

SMART Corridors Program - Construction has been completed within budget. The CMA's Construction Manager is conducting walk-through with the contractor and the participating agencies. The Launch of the Program took place on May 18, 2004 at the San Pablo City Hall, and was well attended. Construction activities continue on a Caltrans-funded Bicycle video detection project. Additional work on the International/E 14th Rapid Bus Corridor as well as on Broadway in the City of Oakland is being designed utilizing funding from TFCA program and AC Transit. All Transit Signal Priority (TSP) hardware/software work in support of San Pablo Rapid Bus has been working as expected. The software for the exchange of traffic data and video is nearly complete as staff works with the Bentley Systems on punch list items. A total of 135 Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) cameras are streaming images. A total of 49 vehicle detector stations are reporting the speed and volume of traffic along the arterials on continuous basis. The Program WEB site is www.smartcorridors.com

I-680 HOV Lane Project –The CMA Board awarded the soundwall construction contract to RGW/Focus Construction (Joint Venture) at the February meeting. The construction contract started April 28th with completion scheduled for April 2005. To date, the contractor has initiated clearing/grubbing, installing protective railing on the freeway shoulder, and restriping of lanes in some areas. The overall work schedule is still under development, with the phasing of the various walls under development. In the next month, grading, iron work, and foundation work will be initiated.

I-680 SMART Carpool Lane Project – AB 2032 (Dutra and Kehoe) authorizing HOT lanes on I-680 Sunol Grade, in an unspecified areas in Santa Clara County and a network of HOT/managed lanes in San Diego was approved by Assembly Appropriations in May. The bill will next be heard by the Assembly Floor perhaps as early as the week of May 24.

Dumbarton Corridor – SamTrans submitted an Initial Project Report requesting RM2 funds to begin work in Fiscal Year 2004/05. A draft IPR is being reviewed by the co-sponsors. A final IPR will be presented to the CMA for action this summer.

Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor – The draft environmental document was released in March and has a 60-day review period ending May 16, 2004. Contact Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for copies of the document.

I-238 Improvements – Caltrans is continuing work on the environmental document for the widening of I-238 between I-880 and I-580. The document will cover both the northbound widening project programmed by the CMA for funding in the STIP as well as the southbound project included in the reauthorization of Measure B.

I-580 HOV – The Executive Director signed the amended Co-operative Agreement with Caltrans. Once signed by Caltrans District 4 and Headquarters, work may be resumed on the environmental and preliminary engineering. The May Revision of the State Budget provides for funding of this project. The IPR for Regional Measure 2 funds was submitted to MTC.

Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro BRT –AC Transit staff is continuing to work with the cities of Berkeley and Oakland on alternatives to be considered in the environmental document. Contact Jim Cunradi at AC Transit for details.

FAIR Lanes– The Task Force approved the Existing Conditions Report and Modeling Assumptions for both the I-580 and I-680 corridors. The modeling will be undertaken in June, the Task Force will next meet on July 29th.

Community Based Transportation Plan – Nelson/Nygaard, the consultant team for this project in Central County (South Hayward, Cherryland and Ashland-Planning Area completed the Executive Summary. The report and summary are posted on the CMA website.

Dynamic Ridesharing – An RFQ was released for a demonstration site at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Statements of Qualifications were submitted and are being reviewed. Interviews will be held late May and a consultant team is expected to be selected in June.

Federal STP/CMAQ Funds: Cycle 4 Projects

Attached for review and comment is the status report for the TEA-21 Cycle 4 projects with an obligation deadline of September 30, 2004. In the last three years, Caltrans Local Assistance has requested that completed material requesting fund obligations should be submitted to their offices well in advance of the September 30th deadline in order to meet the actual obligated deadline. MTC has suggested that sponsors submit completed material requesting fund obligations as early possible and that advanced construction authority be requested to place projects in the best position to receive OA as it becomes available.